



Flat Stanley visits Alexis in
San Francisco



Flat Stanley arrived in the mail on Friday night.

After a good night's sleep, on Saturday we woke up and made some cookies to take to a party.

We went to Ocean Beach to enjoy the beautiful day.



These are the ruins of Sutro Baths, a swimming pool built in 1896.



This nice lady showed us a picture of what Sutro Baths used to look like.



We met a friendly mermaid at the beach,
and chatted with an
anxious totem pole.





Across the street from Ocean Beach there are two windmills at the west end of Golden Gate Park.

Let's go to the park!

In the park we visited the Conservatory of Flowers.



There are many Victorian houses in San Francisco. These are called the painted ladies.



We drove by City Hall and waved to the mayor.





When we got hungry, we went to the Ferry Building at the Port of San Francisco.

It was built in 1898 and is a terminal for ferries that travel across the San Francisco Bay, but it also contains a food hall.

Stanley wanted to get ice cream right away, but we decided it would be better to eat lunch first.





Many people like to eat crab in San Francisco, but we met a nice guy named Eugene who recommended that we try the macaroni and cheese at Cowgirl Creamery instead.

The chef let us help
make the cheese sauce
for our lunch.



We decided to skip the chocolate covered salted crickets for dessert. The superworms didn't sound good either.



We took a walk along the Embarcadero to look at the art and enjoy the view of the Bay Bridge.



The Cupid's Span sculpture was Stanley's favorite piece of art.



This friendly octopus
gave us some sight-
seeing tips.



After our walk, we went back to the Ferry Building and had candied ginger ice cream for dessert.

But we had to hurry because we still had a lot of places to visit!



The Transamerica Pyramid is one of the most famous buildings in San Francisco.



Coit Tower sits atop Telegraph Hill. Telegraph Hill is home to wild parrots!



Stanley also visited Lombard Street. This hill is so steep that cars have to make 8 hairpin turns in one block to travel safely down.



We walked from Fort Mason to Gashouse Cove marina.



We stopped to admire this view of Alcatraz island in the bay.



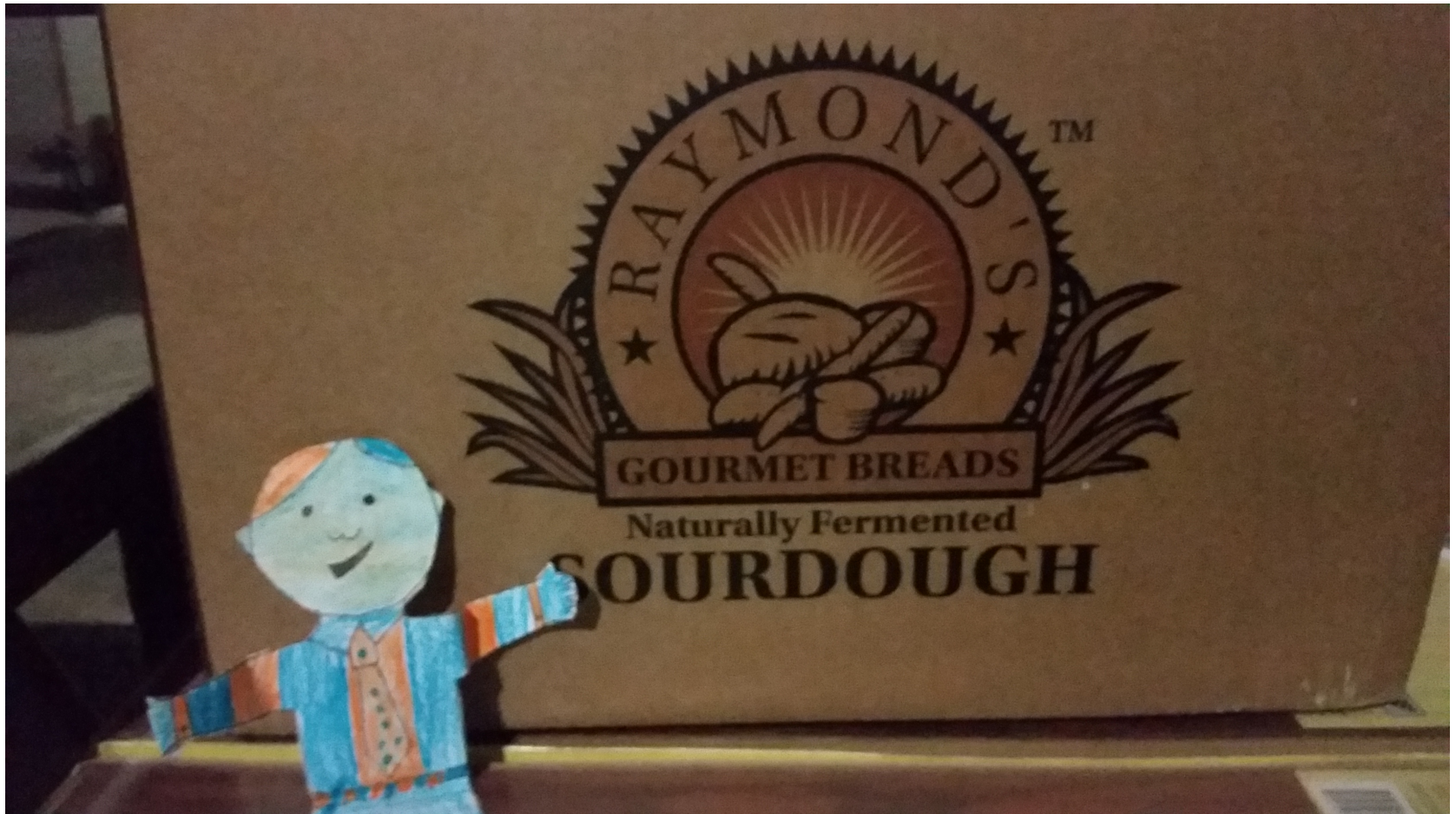
We ended our sight-seeing with a visit to the famous Golden Gate Bridge.



On Saturday night we went to a concert in a private club located over a bread factory.



San Francisco is famous for sourdough bread.



The owner, Mike, took us on a tour of the bread factory after the concert.



These ovens bake 40,000 loaves of bread every day!





Stanley, an oven is no place for a boy made of paper!

We were glad it was night time and nobody was working in the factory.

We didn't expect to find motorcycles in a bakery! Mike builds and races them for fun.



On Sunday Stanley helped host a party for our friends to make jewelry. He picked out beads in the craft room.



And then he helped us
make necklaces.



Flat Stanley made friends with Merlin the Corgi and took a dogback ride around the house.





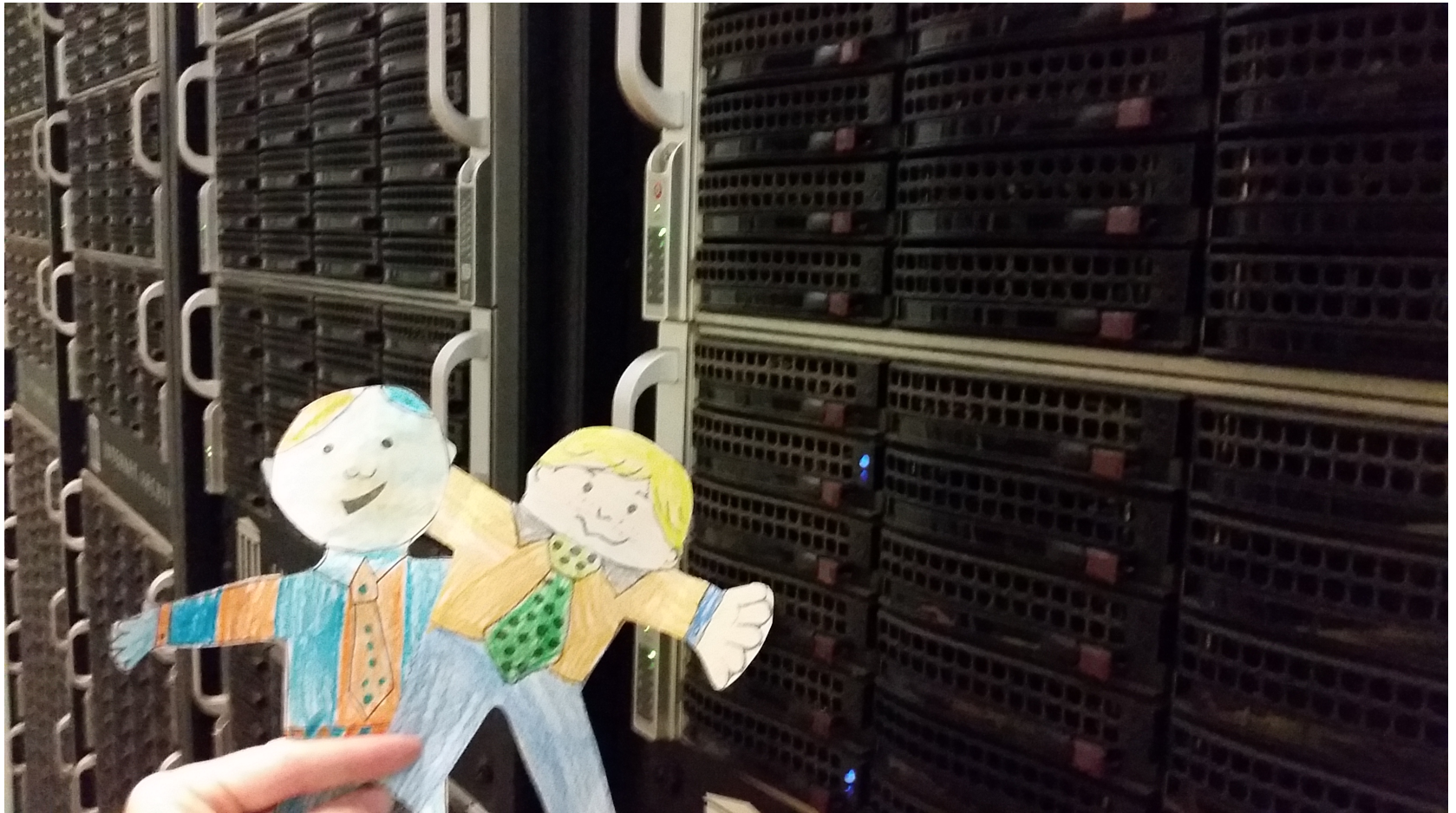
On Sunday evening we went to a fancy party. Marcy and Leslie were happy to meet Stanley and introduced him to the guest of honor...

... Frank Sinatra!

Frank is a singer.



On Monday Flat Stanley visited the Internet Archive and met another Flat Stanley in the server room!



The Internet Archive is a digital library.

The building used to be a church.



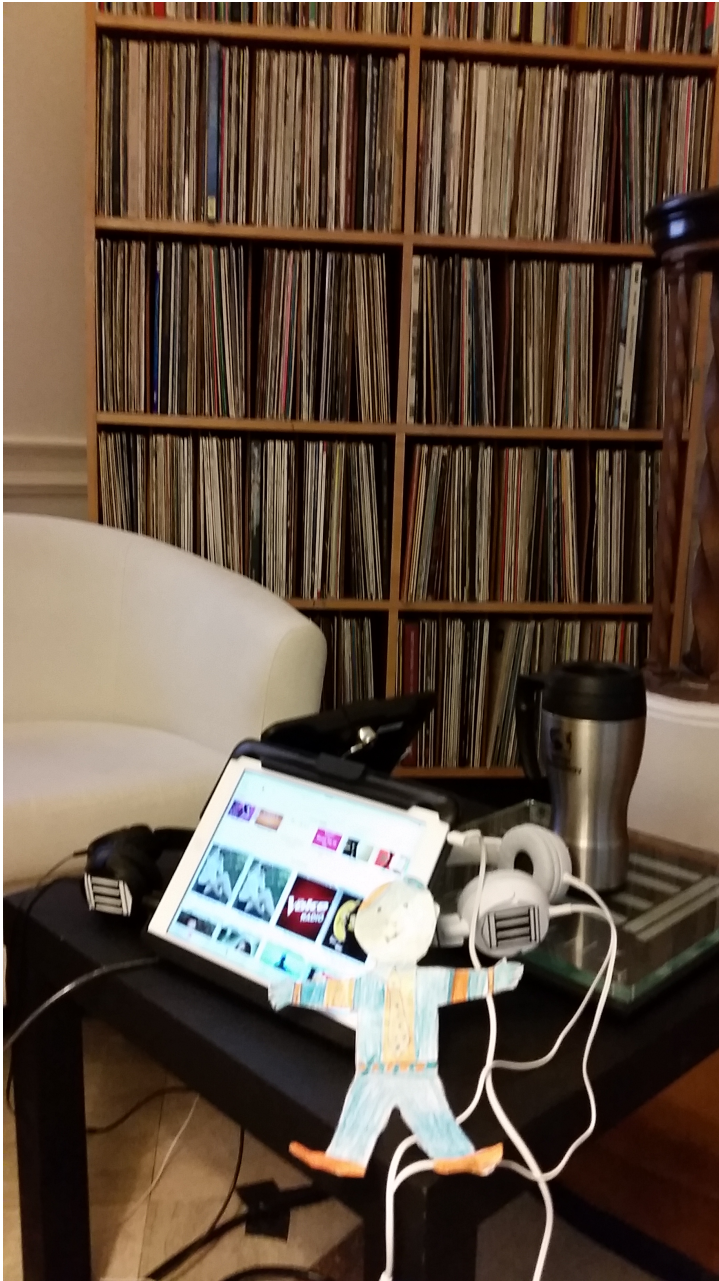
There are statues of the employees. They are a work of art called The Ceramic Archivists.



Flat Stanley and his host, Alexis, took a selfie with her statue.



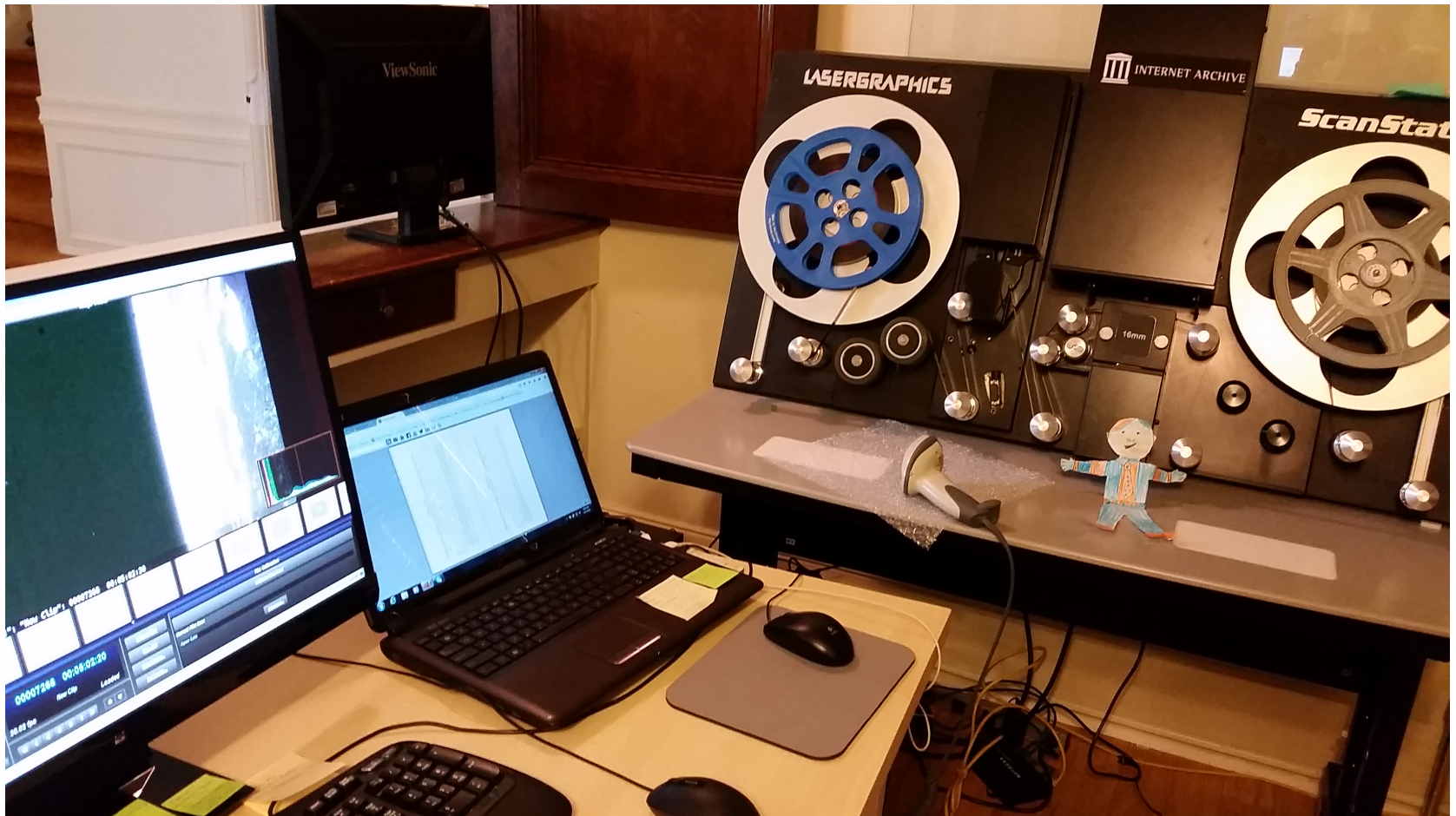
We stopped at the listening room to hear some music.



Stanley was interested in how a digital library works. These are cans of film.



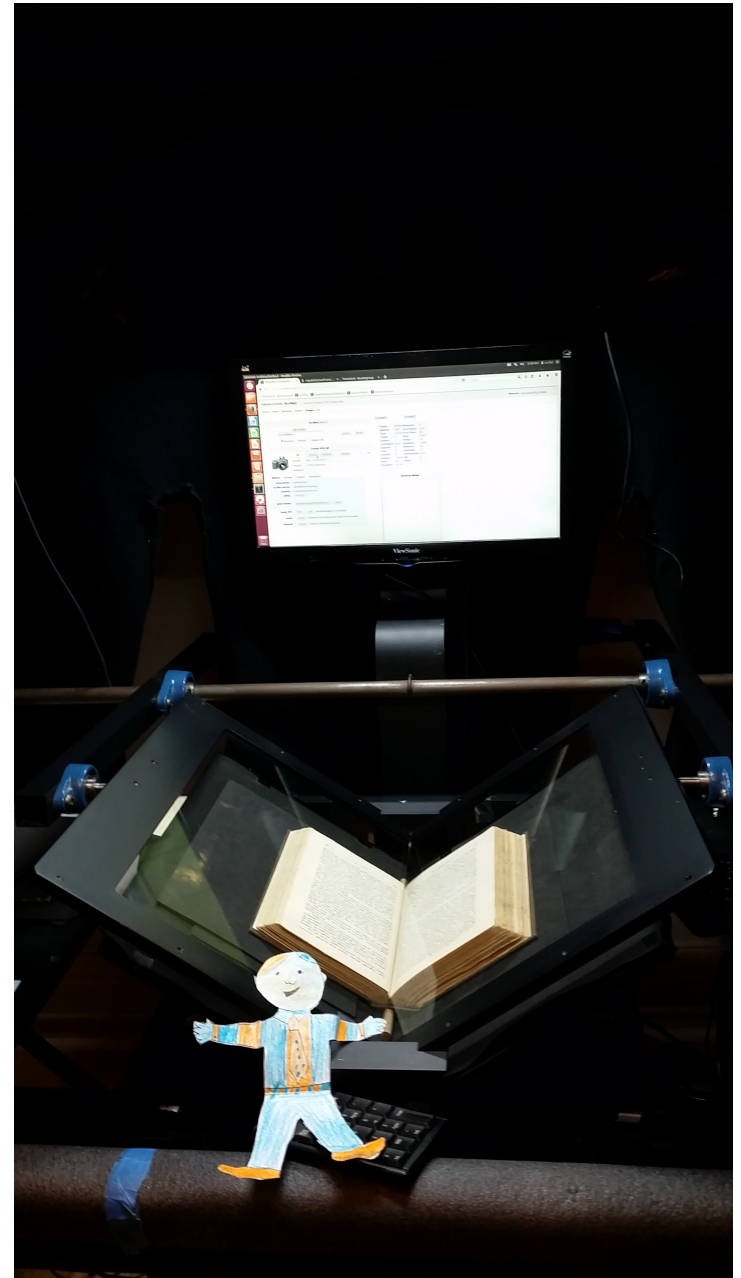
This machine is used to turn film into digital video.



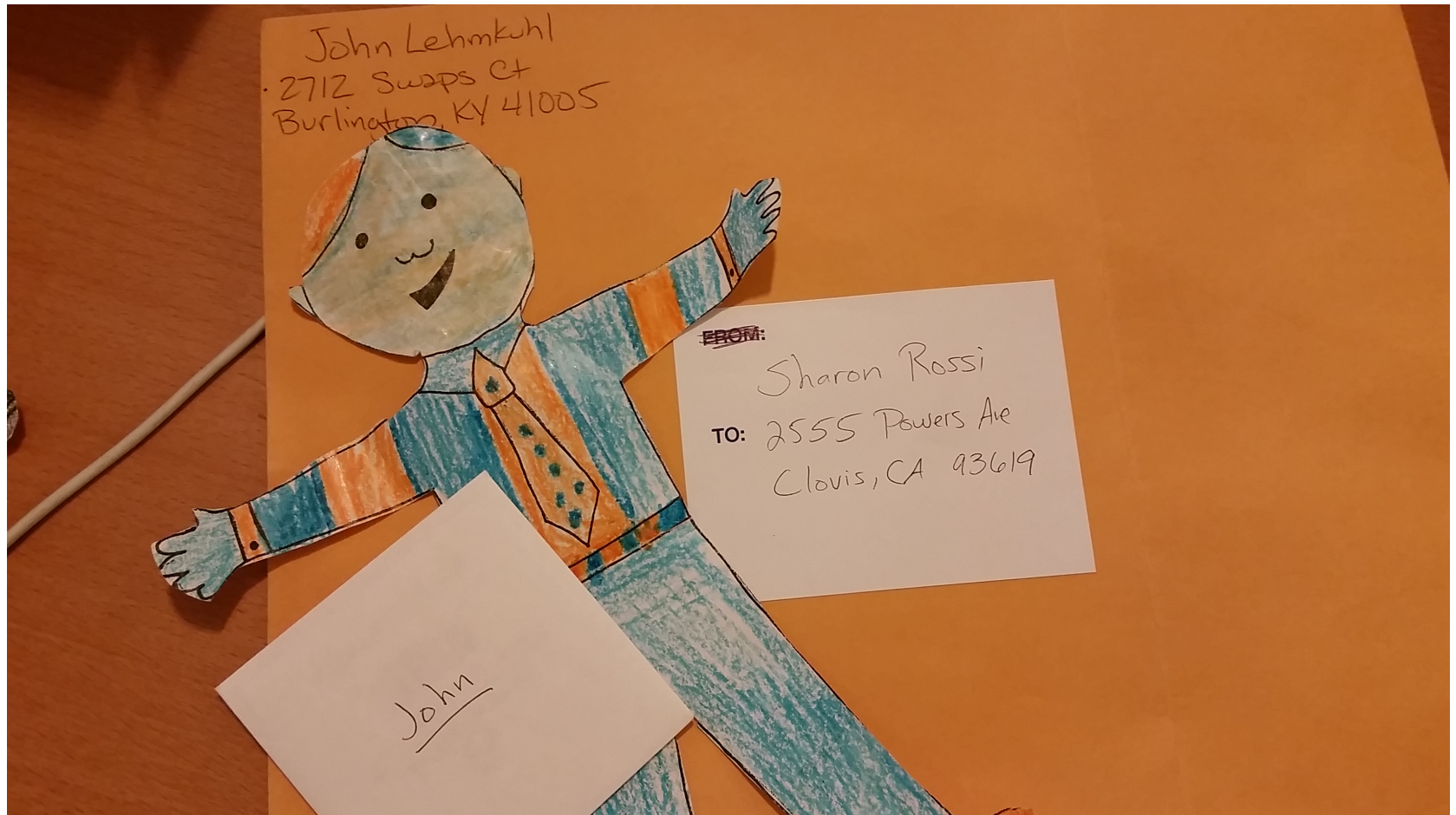
A photograph of a bookshelf with two rows of books. The top row includes books like 'blink', 'Roosevelt's Secret War', and 'Nicholas Sparks'. The bottom row features books like 'The Complete Harry Potter', 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire', and 'Hell's Cartel'. Two hand-drawn cutouts of a boy and a girl are placed on the shelf between the two rows of books.



This machine is used to
turn books into
ebooks.



Alexis said goodbye to Flat Stanley and tucked him into an envelope.



Alexis dropped Flat Stanley in the mailbox and he was off on his next adventure!

